

Liberating Brunei: the U.S. Military in the Battle of North Brunei



Project Title	Liberating Brunei: the U.S. Military in the Battle of North Brunei
Project Summary	To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2020, search military records to find which US units and ships participated in the Battle of Brunei/North Borneo.
Country	Brunei

Project Description

Brunei and the rest of Borneo was liberated from Japanese Occupation in June-August 1945. Australians fought most of the ground conflicts. However, the United States provided important logistical and other support, including bombing enemy positions. The US Embassy would like to commemorate their contribution with a memorial.

We are looking for a list of U.S. units and ships that participated in the Brunei theater of the Borneo Campaign. Additionally, we would like to learn: names of U.S. servicemen killed in action; names/numbers of U.S. ships and planes lost; commendations received by units and individuals for action in the campaign; whether any U.S. prisoners of war were on the 'Sandakan Death March.'

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Research

Additional Information

Most of the relevant records are located in the Washington, DC area, primarily at Archives II in College Park, MD. They are not available in digital form so have to be viewed in person at College Park or other sites in the DC area. The official overviews of the campaign do not list which units participated in which battles so it will probably be necessary to look to individual unit records. The Embassy can provide background material and

some starting points for archival research.

Ideally the intern for this initial project would be familiar with U.S. military records, but this is not a requirement.

Language Requirements

None